

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006. In the Office Action, the Patent Office objected to Claims 4-8 because Claim 4 and its dependents depend from canceled Claim 3. Moreover, the Patent Office rejected Claims 5, 7, 8 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. However, the Patent Office allowed Claims 1, 2, 9-12, and 26 and stated that Claims 4 and 6 are objected to for containing a minor informality and would be allowed pending correction of the dependency deficiency of Claim 4. Moreover, the Patent Office stated that Claims 5, 7, 8 and 13-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and to include all the limitations of their respective base claim and intervening claims.

By the present amendment, Applicant amends Claims 4 and 13. Applicant submits that the amendments and accompanying remarks overcome the rejections and objections to the claims by the Patent Office. Notice to that effect is requested.

Applicant appreciates notice from the Patent Office that Claims 1, 2, 9-12 and 26 are allowed. Applicant further appreciates notification that Claims 4 and 6 are objected to for containing a minor informality and would be allowed pending correction of the dependency deficiency of Claim 4. Moreover the Patent Office States that Claims 5, 7, 8 and 13-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 4 and 13 to correct the minor informalities and to overcome the rejections of §112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

The Patent Office rejected Claims 5, 7, 8 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the Patent Office alleges that Claims 5, 7, 8 and 13-16 each recite the limitation "the recess" in line 2 of each respective claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. In response to the rejection, applicant has amended Claim 4 and Claim 13 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. More specifically, Claim 4 and Claim 13 now provide antecedent

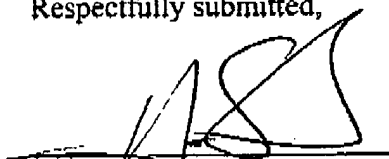
basis for the dependent Claims 5, 7, 8 and 14-16. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome. Notice to that effect is requested.

Claims 2, and 4-8 depend from Claim 1; and Claims 10-16 depend from Claim 9. These claims are further believed allowable for the same reasons set forth with respect to independent Claims 1 and 9 since each sets forth additional novel components and steps of Applicant's Ladder Station Support Assembly.

Request For Allowance

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the application are in allowable form and that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any outstanding issues remain, Applicant urges the Patent Office to telephone Applicant's attorney so that the same may be resolved and the application expedited to issue. Applicant requests the Patent Office to indicate all claims as allowable and to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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